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home, and President Loubet found it necessary to call out 15,000 soldiers to guard him while he drove less than five miles a race track.

Besides these actual warlike disturbances there rose on the horizon a black cloud indicative of an armed struggle between the English government and the Boers in South Africa—a cloud which has by no means been dispelled as yet.

Certainly there was reason for the meeting of the hundred men who went to The

ference, but the hall in which the meeting was held was absolutely crowded merely by the delegates themselves. Their secretaries and other employees literally could not find standing room. Sixty feet above

apparent when the conference met. The English and American delegates had evidently gone to The Hague with the dignified and earnest intention of accomplishing something along the lines which the czar had laid down. The German dele-

**Mediation and Arbitration.**  
 "It must be by the route of mediation and arbitration that will recognize the in-

'Bus Driver (to Cabby, who is trying to lash his horse into something like a trot)—  
'Wot's the matter with 'im, Willum? 'E  
don't seem 'Isself this mornin'. I believe

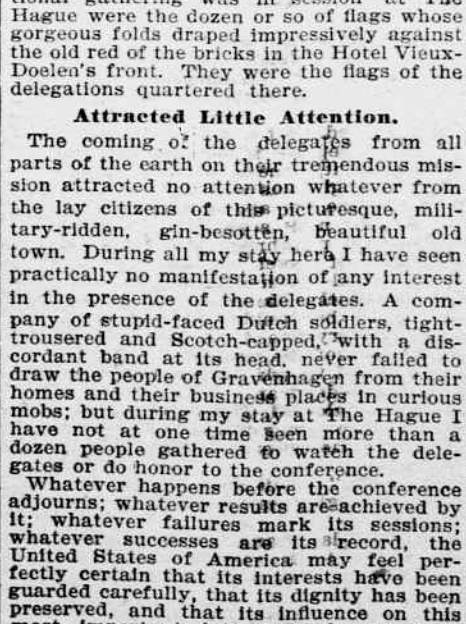
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duties they were forced to pay. They were able to undersell their American competitors, and took a share of the trade away from the latter, although with an inferior quality of goods.

American scientific and mechanical instruments have been introduced into the Latin American countries to a considerable

"How did you and mamma come to get married, anyhow?" asked Johnnie Chaffie of his father.

"Ask your mamma. She knows more about it than I do," was the answer.



While I am writing this it looks as if



the tariffs are in the form of specific duties computed on the weight of the article. The German manufacturers, not to be out-